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1. JULY 11 ELECTIONS WERE PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND DO NOT REFLECT RELATIVESTRENGTHS OF VARIOUS PUERTO RICAN MOVEMENTS. NOVEMBER 1976 ELECTIONS FOR GOVERNOR WILL PROVIDE NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS SENTIMENTS.

2. IN LAST ELECTION FOR GOVERNOR, NOVEMBER 1972, 84 PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS PARTICIPATED AND VOTES WERE AS FOLLOWS: POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PRO-COMMONWEALTH) 609,670; NEW PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PRO-STATEHOOD) 524,039; PUERTO RICO INDEPENDENCE PARTY (PRO-INDEPENDENCE) 52,070; AND THREE MINOR PARTIES WHICH RECEIVED A TOTAL OF LESS THAN 4,000 VOTES. THE PUERTO RICO SOCIALIST PARTY, WHICH FAVORS INDEPENDENCE, BOYCOTTED THE 1972 ELECTIONS BUT WILL PARTICIPATE IN 1976. ROBINSON

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